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WASHINGTON

March 17, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID L. CHEW
STAFF SECRETARY AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT
TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

JOHN G. ROBERTS 
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

White House Press Statement on Acid Rain

Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced White House Press Statement and finds no objection to it from a legal perspective.

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 3/17/86 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 4:00 p.m. TODAYSUBJECT: WHITE HOUSE PRESS STATEMENT ON ACID RAIN

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REMARKS: Please provide any comments directly to my office by 4:00 p.m. this afternoon. Thank you.
THIS STATEMENT IS PROPOSED FOR RELEASE WEDNESDAY.

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WHITE HOUSE PRESS STATEMENT

The President and Prime Minister Mulroney commissioned Drew Lewis and William Davis last year in Quebec City to conduct a thorough study of the acid rain problem and to submit their findings and recommendations within one year. This report was presented to the President and the Prime Minister on January 8, 1986.

After careful review, the President endorses fully the Joint Report of the Special Envoys. As stated in the Report, acid rain is a serious environmental problem in both the United States and Canada with transboundary implications for both countries.

The United States pioneered air pollution controls, and as a nation has spent approximately \$75 billion since the 1970 passage of the Clean Air Act to limit emissions of pollutants identified as precursors of acid rain. By 1990, approximately \$100 billion will have been spent for this purpose. As a result of these actions, from 1973 to 1983 emissions of major precursors have declined significantly.

However, as the Joint Report notes, more needs to be done. This Administration has already provided substantial support for clean coal technologies. For fiscal year 1981 through FY 1985, a total of almost \$2.2 billion in total research funds has been allocated in the United States to develop technologies for cleaner utilization of coal.

In order to expand the control options available to industry, as recommended in the Joint Report, the Administration will pursue a program to develop and demonstrate innovative control technologies. In this year's budget, \$700 million has been earmarked for clean coal research between FY 1986 and FY 1991. In addition, an \$800 million joint industry/government program designed to develop and demonstrate clean ways to burn coal will be implemented. Although it does not now have all of the funds, the Administration will seek to provide in the future the funding recommended in the Joint Report. We will also encourage States to undertake similar efforts, as several have already done.

The President will also direct Federal departments and agencies to take the following steps in order to implement the cooperative activities and research recommendations of the Special Envoys:

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- Identify and assess cost-effective and innovative approaches leading to reduced emissions of pollutants linked to acid rain.
- Strengthen bilateral consultation and information exchanges with Canada. To this end, the Secretary of State shall establish an interagency advisory and consultative group on transboundary air pollution comprised of both foreign affairs and environmental management officials to provide advice to the President and to serve as a forum for discussion with a similarly constituted Canadian group.
- Conduct a coordinated interagency review of relevant research in light of the Joint Envoys' Report. In this regard, the Administration has requested \$85 million for FY 1987 to assess the causes, effects and possible methods of mitigating the results of acid rain. (Since 1982, the Administration has spent \$225 million for this purpose. Under current plans, an additional \$255 million will be spent between now and 1989).

The issue of acid rain will be a continuing item on the agenda of future summit meetings.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 18, 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR BEN ELLIOTT
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND
DIRECTOR OF SPEECHWRITING

FROM: JOHN G. ROBERTS *JGR*
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Remarks:
Statement on Acid Rain

Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced Presidential remarks and finds no objection to them from a legal perspective.

cc: David L. Chew

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WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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REMARKS: Please give your comments/edits directly to Ben Elliott, with an info copy to my office as soon as possible. Thanks.

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March 18, 1986
3:00 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS: STATEMENT ON ACID RAIN
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 1986

A year ago Prime Minister Mulroney and I appointed Bill Davis and Drew Lewis as Special Envoys to study the acid rain problem. We undertook this effort because we recognized that acid rain was a serious concern affecting both our countries and our relations with each other. The study we commissioned was in keeping with the long history of U.S.-Canada cooperation in dealing with environmental issues.

In the presence today of Bill Davis and Drew Lewis, I would like to commend them for their thorough and conscientious work. Their joint report attests to the serious and practical manner in which they discharged their duties, and I know that Prime Minister Mulroney shares my appreciation and admiration for their balanced and well-drafted joint report.

I am pleased to say that I fully endorse the report, and we will shortly issue a press statement to this effect.

I wish I could say that our action today takes the acid rain issue off our bilateral agenda. Unfortunately, this cannot be. Serious scientific and economic problems remain to be resolved. But in the spirit of cooperation and good will which has come to characterize the way Canadians and Americans approach their common problems, I am confident that we have begun a process which will benefit future generations in both our great countries.